

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Task Force UDOT 07-116

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the membership of the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Task Force and to set responsibilities.

Policy

An ITS task force is established to advise the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and the Utah Transportation Commission on the latest advances in ITS technologies and related statewide applications.

The task force will report to the UDOT Deputy Director.

The task force will act as a forum for members, advanced technology industries and educational institutions to present ideas for the implementation of ITS solutions to the many stakeholders in Utah.

Specifically, the Task Force will:

1. Identify and recommend ITS technologies for utilization on Utah's transportation system.
2. Identify and recommend funding opportunities and a strategic plan for the deployment of ITS technologies.
3. Recommend resource needs for operation and maintenance of ITS technologies.
4. Identify and recommend opportunities for public/private & public/public partnerships.

Responsibility

The task force shall consist of representatives from advanced technology industries, the Utah Transit Authority, the Wasatch Front Regional Council, and educational institutions. UDOT and FHWA will provide support staff to the task force. Membership is open; however, UDOT reserves the right to limit or expand membership in order to ensure appropriate representation.

The task force is authorized to adopt such bylaws and internal rules as are appropriate to conduct business in an orderly manner.

Background

Congress authorized the ITS program within the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (see ISTEA, Title VI, Part b, Sec. 6051-6059). The ITS Program is administered through the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation. The program provides the provisions to "...research, develop, and operationally test intelligent vehicle-highway systems and promote implementation of such systems as a component of the nation's surface transportation system."

In 1996 the Secretary of Transportation established a national goal: "To implement the Intelligent Transportation Infrastructure (ITI) across the U.S. within a decade - to save time and lives and improve the quality of life for Americans everywhere."